

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Summer Learning Day is a day to reflect on the importance of keeping youth learning, safe, and healthy every summer, ensuring they return to school in the fall ready to succeed in the year ahead; and

WHEREAS, summer learning loss is a significant contributor to the achievement gap - a gap which remains constant during the nine months of the school year but widens during the summer months; and

WHEREAS, summer learning programs are proven to maintain and advance students' academic and social growth, keep children safe and healthy during the summer, and send young people back to school ready to learn. Additionally, summer youth employment programs engage older youth in meaningful activities that allow them to explore careers of interest, take on new responsibilities, contribute to their community, and earn money for the future; and

WHEREAS, a wide array of public agencies, community-based organizations, schools, libraries, museums, recreation centers, camps, and businesses in our community contribute to the well-being of youth through summer programming; and

WHEREAS, summer learning is a critical component of our collective effort to ensure all students graduate from high school prepared for college, careers, and life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim July 14, 2016 as

SUMMER LEARNING DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 6th day of June, A.D. 2016



Peter Shumlin
Governor